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Honorable Mervyn M. Dymally U.S. House of Representatives 1717 Longworth House Office Bidg. Washington, DC 20515

Re: Channel 39
Bakersfield, California

Dear Congressmen Dymally:

Thank you for your letter of October 9, 1989, in which you urge the Commission to reverse the staff's August 2, 1989, decision denying the request of Community Television of Southern California (Community) for waiver of the Commission's "freeze" on the filing of new television applications in the Los Angeles area and in certain other parts of the country and returning Community's application as unacceptable for filing. You state that Community has served the Los Angeles area well for the past 25 years on Station KCET(TV) and that it would provide the first off-the-air public television service to the Bakersfield area.

By way of background, on July 16, 1986, the Commission imposed a "freeze" on applications for new television stations within the minimum co-channel separation distances from 30 designated television markets. The "freeze" was imposed because the high densities of existing television stations in

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